

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Virginia Deaver was born on April 30, 1928, to Stephen and Rose Deaver at St. Joseph Hospital in Alliance, Nebraska; and,

*Whereas*, Virginia moved to Tuscola, Illinois, after high school to work for a year, and then returned to Alliance to enter nurses training, and completed her registered nurse degree in December 1950, with additional training in the areas of pediatric and psychiatric care; and,

*Whereas*, Virginia married Charlie Meyer on December 27, 1950, in Tuscola, Illinois, where they lived and farmed until 1957, when they moved to Winner, South Dakota, and built a grain elevator known as Deaver-Meyer Grain Company; and,

*Whereas*, Virginia and Charlie gave life and love to ten children who in turn blessed them with 34 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Virginia worked part-time for the Baptist Hospital in Winner, served as the Tripp County nurse, and provided home health care, in addition to the care given to her large family; and,

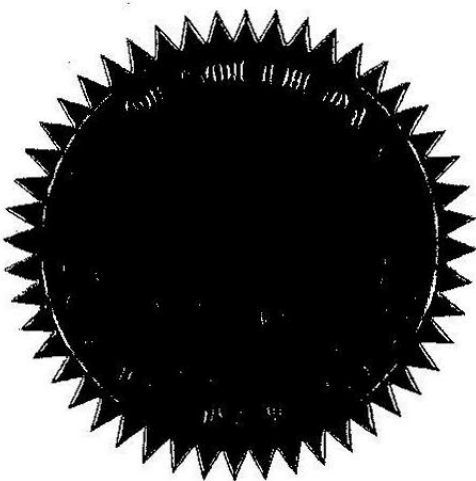
*Whereas*, Virginia continues active involvement in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Winner as a Lay Lector, Eucharistic Lay Minister, conducts communion services at the Winner Nursing Home, is a member of Catholic Daughters, and calls on volunteers for various activities in the church; and,

*Whereas*, Virginia will observe her 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State